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STOREFRONTS, 2334-36 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

BALTIMORE CITY, MD

These are a pair of intact storefronts from the Late Italianate/Queen Anne period. They form the first floor of two originally residential Italianate rowhouses. Both have early storefront systems from the period when residential structures were converted to commercial on the first floor. Both are Italianate in nature, but one features a Queen Anne transom. The plate-glass storefronts feature cast-iron frames. The three-bay version permits a separate entry to the residential upper floors, while the two-bay does not.

MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES FORM
SANDTOWN-WINCHESTER SURVEY

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name Storefront & Harnessmaker's Shop

other names/site number Clothing Ministry & Sandtown Shoe Repair/B-4478

2. Location

street & number 2334 & 2336 Pennsylvania Ave. not for publication

city or town Baltimore

vicinity N/A

state Maryland

code MD

county Baltimore City

code 510

zip code 21217

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

Noncontributing

2

buildings

sites

structures

objects

Total

2

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(Baltimore City, MD)

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National
Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not
part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE

Sub: specialty store

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE
RELIGION

Sub: specialty store
religious facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation

roof

walls SYNTHETICS

other WOOD; CAST IRON

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the
property on one or more continuation sheets.) See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance See continuation sheet.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce

Ethnic Heritage

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Period of Significance 1890-1940

Significant Dates 1890-1901

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Maps

Bromley, G.W. and Co. Atlas of the City of Baltimore, Vol. 1. Philadelphia: 1885, 1896.
Hopkins, G.M. Map of the City of Baltimore, Maryland. 1876, 1877.
Sanborn Map Company. Insurance Maps, Baltimore, Maryland, Vols. 2,3, and 7. New York: 1890, 1901, 1914, 1928.
Simmons, Isaac. 1852 Revision of the Thomas H. Poppleton Map. Baltimore: 1852.

Baltimore City Directory, 1930

Census Records, 1880-1910

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Lots = 13' x 135' (2334) & 16' x 135' (2336)

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UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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— See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Block 297, Lots 16 & 17

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are based on a city lot(s) retaining original property lines.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Jo Lampl & Kay Fanning/Architectural Historians
organization Robinson & Associates date July 1992
street & number 1710 Connecticut Ave., NW telephone (202) 234-2333
city or town Washington state DC zip code 20009

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name ?
street&number _____ telephone _____
city or town Baltimore state MD zip code _____

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National Park Service

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2334-36 Pennsylvania Avenue
name of property
Baltimore City, Maryland
county and State

HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape

Architecture, and Community Planning; Economic

Resource Type:

Category: building(s)

Historic Environment: urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): commerce

Known Design Source: none

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2334 & 2336 Pennsylvania Ave.
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county and StateDESCRIPTION

These intact storefronts reveal the character of Pennsylvania Avenue at the turn of the century, and are likely some of the earliest examples of conversions from residential to mixed residential/commercial use. Unit #2334 was actually constructed slightly ahead of its neighbor; it appears on the 1890 Sanborn Map, while #2336 doesn't appear until the 1896 Bromley map. Both were converted from residences to stores by 1901.

The more elegant of the two storefronts is #2334. It is a cast-iron framed, plate-glass storefront system, one-and-a-half bays wide. The display window contains four square panes of glass, topped with a decorative Queen Anne transom. To its north is a single-leaf entrance with a Queen Anne glass transom. Its storefront bracketed cornice is supported by larger end brackets at either end of the storefront. It is sawn and features jigsawn work in the frieze.

The storefront at #2336 has a basic Italianate cornice and a cast-iron colonnette display window system as well. This storefront may feature replacement glass, as proportions suggest the possibility of a missing original transom. The display window is currently divided only horizontally into two panes of glass. This first floor features an A-B-A, door-window-door arrangement. In the southernmost bay, there is a recessed entrance to the store. The middle bay features the display window, and the northern bay, a panelled entrance to the residences above. At the base of the composition is the original wooden (?) kickplate. The storefront cornice is a simple modillioned cornice supported by two brackets at either end. An extant cellar in the sidewalk reveals how goods were delivered and stored at the facility.

The residential windows on both units are flat-headed, although vinyl obscures their original detailing and cornice.

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name of property
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county and StateSIGNIFICANCE

These small shops are significant indicators of the early commercialization of Pennsylvania Avenue. According to the 1880 census, occupants of Pennsylvania Avenue in the survey area included: butchers, a druggist, tobacconists, painters, clerks, machinists, a well-digger, blacksmiths, retail grocers, boarding-house keepers, horsecar drivers, a feed store owner, carpenters, hucksters, cigar makers, a wheelwright, telegrapher, and a dressmaker. Judging from the small retail nature of many of these occupations, it is likely that many of these people worked out of stores on the first floors of their Pennsylvania Avenue dwellings. Some were immigrants from Prussia and Baden. Others were born in this country, but had parents of German or Irish background.

While some of Pennsylvania Avenue above North Avenue was already commercial, by 1890, this stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue contained only a few stores, a blacksmith, and a bakery, along with larger groups of dwellings. The scene was hardly residential, however. Directly across the street, between Baker and North Avenue, were the two large blocks of land owned by the Baltimore City Passenger Railway Company. City Passenger had a car barn, large hay and feed houses, several stables, and shops and sheds on these sites.

While nothing is currently known of the first owner of the original store at #2334, the location was ideal for the harnessmaker who opened his store at #2336 some time between 1896 and 1901. In addition, Pennsylvania Avenue featured two liverys--one at 2424 Pennsylvania (where the Schanze Theater now stands) and the other, in the originally larger triangle formed by the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Fremont Street.

By 1914, the northern portion of the block was all commercial: #2334 was a tin shop, #s 2336-40 were stores; #2342 was a blacksmith; and #2344 was a Chinese laundry, one of the few occupations open to Chinese immigrants at the

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turn of the century.² The middle portion of the block was still residential, and the southern portion, stores and a bakery.

In 1930, the commercial occupant at #2334 was Lewis Fleming, a sheetmetal worker. His neighbor at #2336 was Andrew Yost, who ran Andrew Yost Birds.

² National Public Radio, Chinatown Series, June 1992.

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RECONNAISSANCE-LEVEL SURVEY FORM

Survey No. B-4478

Neg. No. 5/32

Historic Name harness maker's shop (1901)

Current Name/Use Sandtown Shoe Repair

Address(es) 2236 Pennsylvania Avenue

Resource/Property Type

- ☒ Rowhouses
☒ Commercial Structure
☐ Public/Institutional Building
☐ Public Housing
☐ Site
☐ Other

☒ Attached
☐ Freestanding

Note: _____

Stories 3

Primary Material brick Secondary Material wood (stone?)

Roof Form flat

No. of Bays in Unit/Facade 3 If Rowhouse: ☒ Flat Front ☐ Swell Front ☐ Porch

Window Type: ☒ Double-Hung
☒ 1/1 Sash
☐ 2/2 Sash
☐ 2/1 Sash
☐ Other Sash
☐ Transom

Door Type: ☒ Single-Leaf
☐ Double-Leaf
☐ Number of panels (if visible)
☒ Transom

Architectural Style Italianate Date c. 1890-1901

Noteworthy Features: Wooden (?) and plate-glass storefront with bracketed cornice above first floor. Two single-leaf doors flank display window. Window heads are flat; detail obscured by siding, though cornice apparent.

Alterations: ☐ Formstone ☐ Stucco
☒ Vinyl/Aluminum ☒ Window/Door Changes
☐ Awnings ☐ Missing Cornice Elements
☒ First-Floor Use Change ☐ Other: _____

Status: ☒ Occupied ☐ Vacant ☐ Mixed

NR Evaluation: ☒ Contributing ☐ Non-Contributing

Recommended for Intensive Level: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Surveyor: Joey Lampl

Affiliation: Robinson & Associates

Date: February-April 1992

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☐ Double-Leaf
☐ Number of panels (if visible)
☒ Transom

Architectural Style Italianate/Queen Anne Date c. 1852-1890

Noteworthy Features: Wooden (?) and plate-glass storefront from 1890-1901 with bracketed cornice and Queen Anne transoms. Window heads are flat; detail obscured by siding, though cornice apparent. From 1914 this was a tin shop.

Alterations: ☐ Formstone ☐ Stucco
☒ Vinyl/Aluminum ☒ Window/Door Changes
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Status: ☒ Occupied ☐ Vacant ☐ Mixed

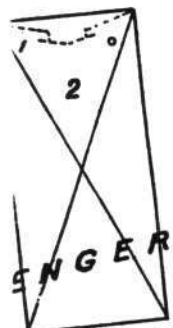
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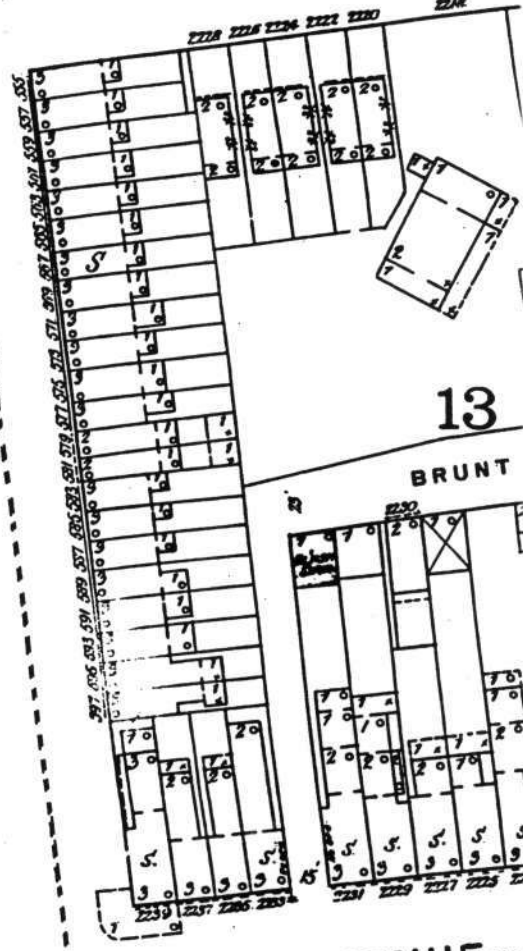
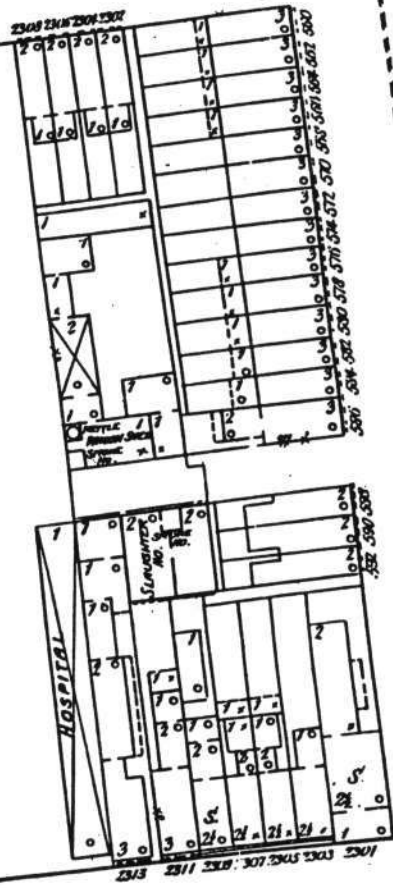
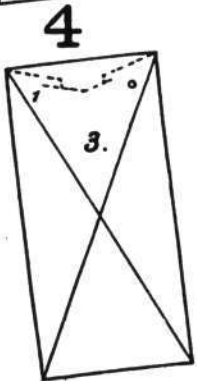
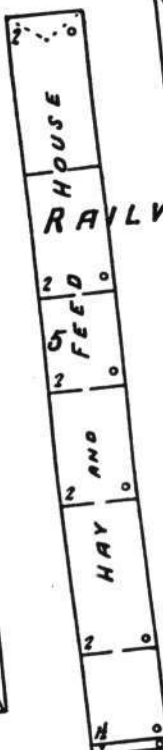
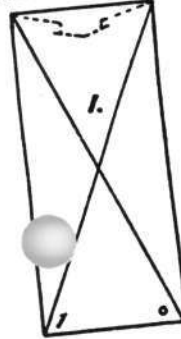
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STREET

AVENUE

PENNSYLVANIA

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Storefront & Harnessmaker's Shop
Baltimore, MD
Sanborn Map, 1890

ALLEY

BAKER ST
MISSION.

STREET

CUMBERLAND

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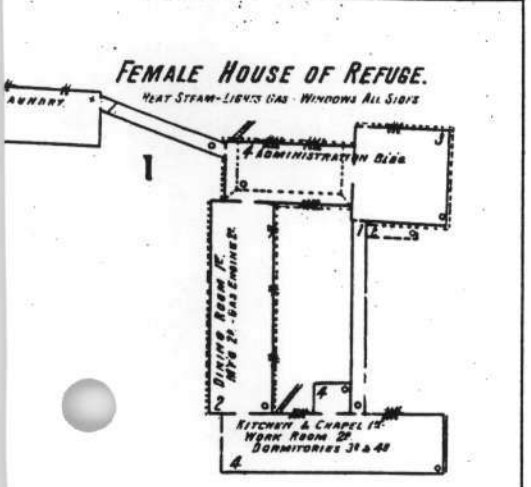
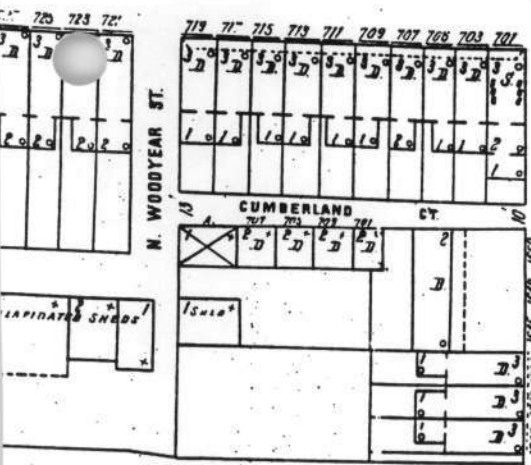
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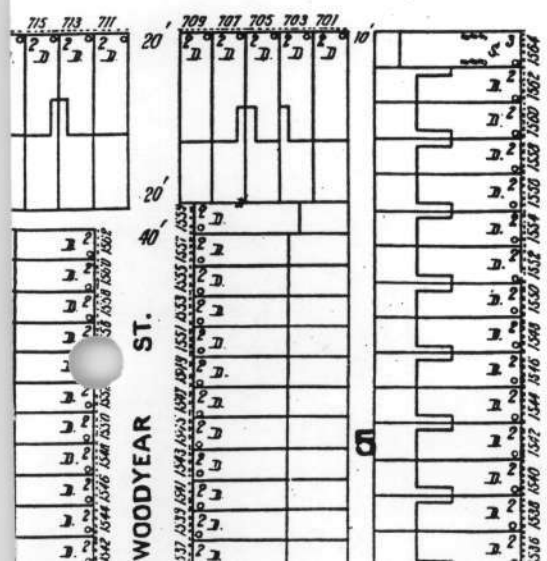
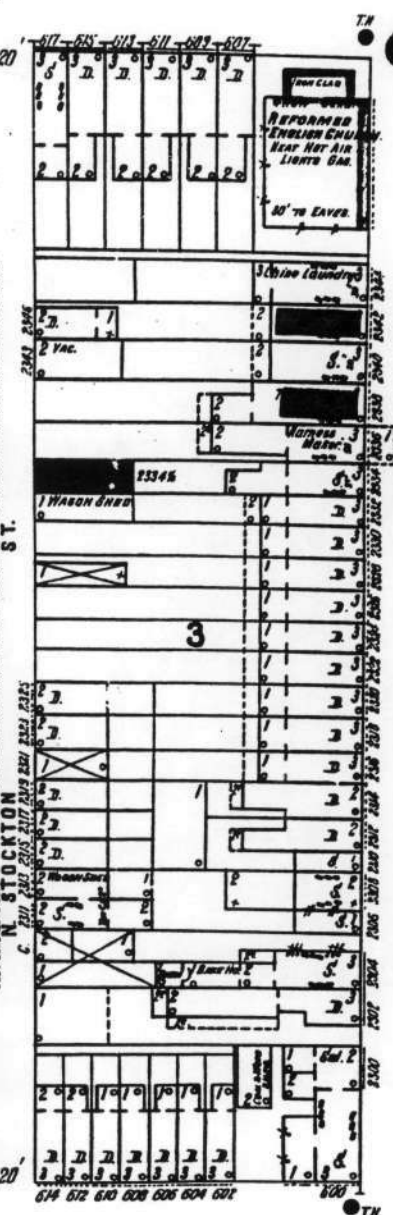
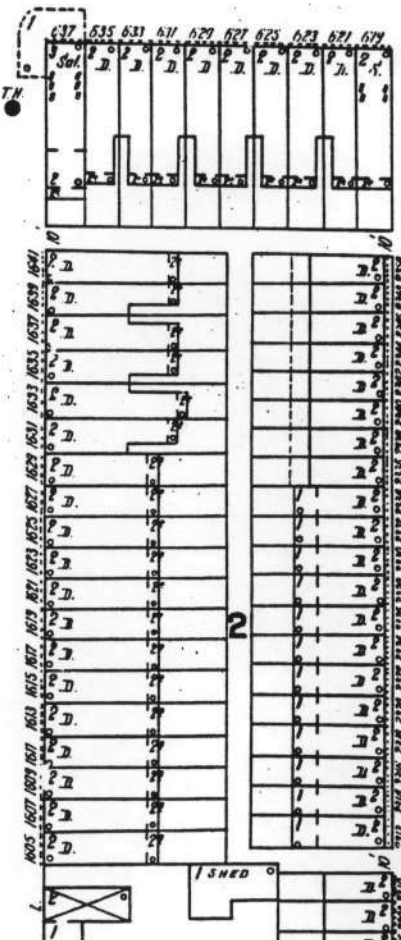
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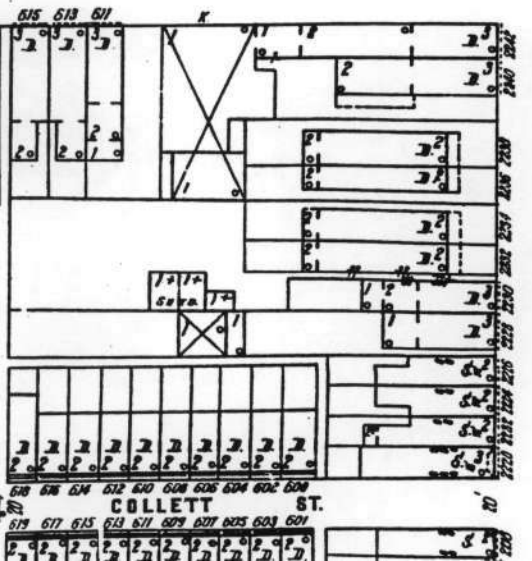
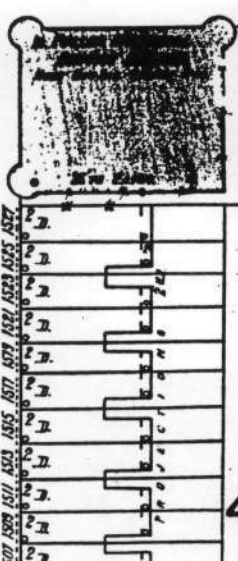


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Storefront & Harnessmaker's Shop
Baltimore, MD
Sanborn Map, 1901



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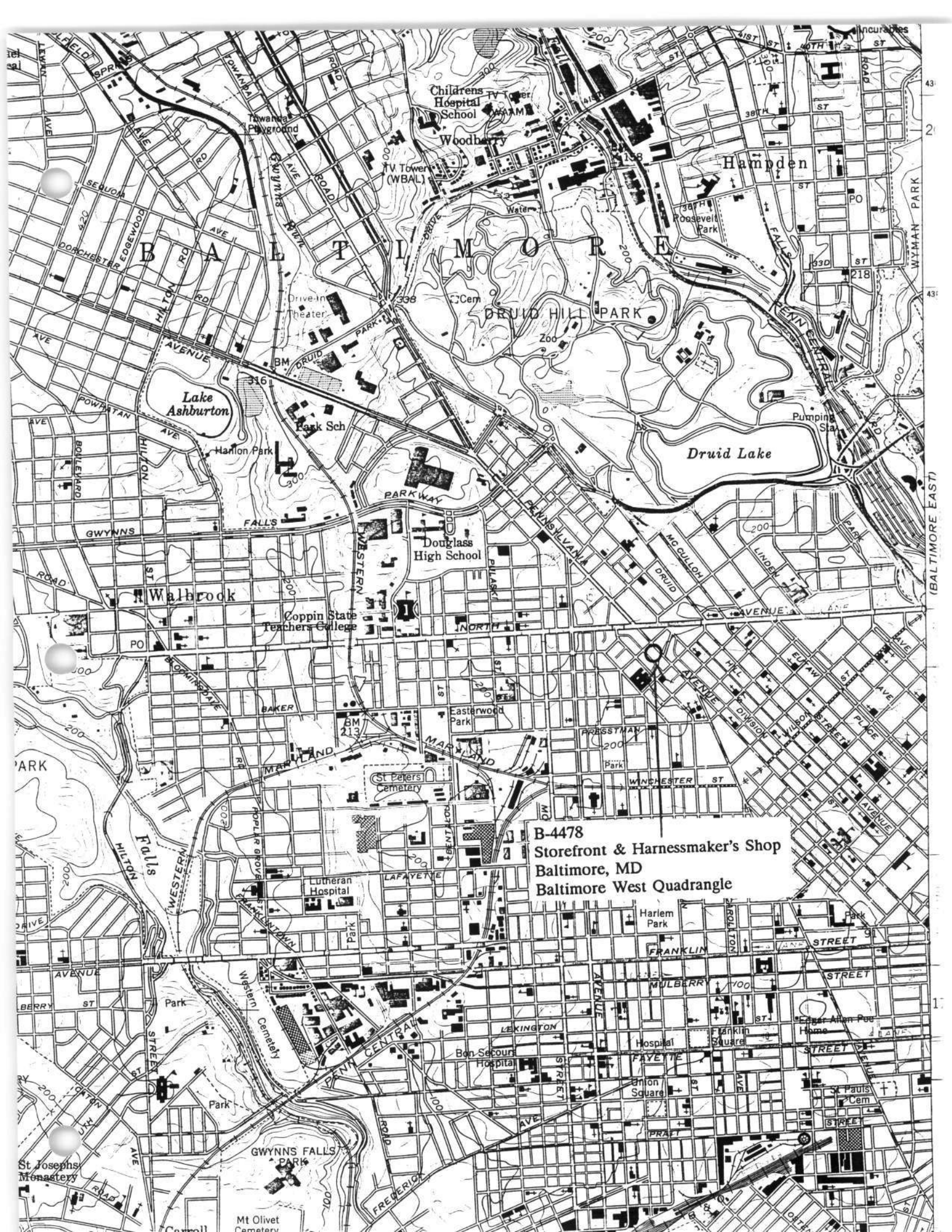


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Storefront & Harnessmaker's Shop
Baltimore, MD
Baltimore West Quadrangle



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BALTIMORE, MD

ELIZABETH QO LAMPL

MARCH 1992

CITY OF BALTIMORE, COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND
ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

HISTORIC: TIN SHOP & HARNESS MAKER'S SHOP

CURRENT: CLOTHING MINISTRY & SHOE REPAIR

2334 1/2 36 PENNSYLVANIA AVE.

NORTHEAST ELEVATIONS

ROLL 5/NEG 32

1 & 2



Sandtown-Windchester/Penn-North

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Baltimore, MD

Leonard Jackson

July 1992

City of Baltimore, Commission for Historical
and Architectural Preservation

Historic: Storefront and Harness maker's shop

Current: Clothing Ministry and Sandtown Shoe Repair

2334 and 2336 Pennsylvania Avenue

NORTHEAST ELEVATIONS

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